

Portfolio

Noga Shtainer Twins

Twins – Duo Morality was photographed in the village of Candido Godoi in southern Brazil. The majority of the village's residents arrived from Germany following World War I. The remarkable frequency of identical twin births in this village led to international speculation and research. One of the options considered was the involvement of the Nazi physician, Josef Mengele, who according to some testimonies escaped to this village following World War II. Some believe he used the knowledge he had acquired while performing experiments on Jewish twins during the Holocaust in order to conduct research and clone twins in Candido Godoi. This suspicion has never been confirmed, and the twin phenomenon remains a mystery to this day.

I stayed in Candido Godoi for three weeks, during which I photographed over 50 pairs of identical twins, ranging from two to 80 years of age. At first I searched for the shared identity and the bond that exists between them. I tried to understand the intense connection that is created even before birth; throughout the changes they experience during adolescence; and the complexity of the physical separation that takes place as they grow up, build a family and leave home.

Similarities may also become the source of difference. As with all individuals, facial expressions and body language emerge to convey individual character and unique personalities. Slight differences such as birthmarks or hairstyle also become significant and valuable, and the marks of life and personal experience overcome some genetic determination.



Luana and Juliana





Bruno and Gustavo



Gabriela and Rafaela



Kitana and Tiwana



Lisandro and Leandro



Tamara and Samara



Marcio and Marcelo



Mattias and Matteos



Henrike and Gustavo



Lucas and Lioandro



Derli and Julsi



Fernando and Filipe



Kiana and Kialana



Vandelej and Vandelci



Migel and Gabriel



Nelson and Norberto